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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.